

"WHAT CAN JUNIORS DO?"

[Read at Union meeting Warsaw, Ind.]

There is an old adage which says, "What man has done man can do." And we reply to the question asked in our title that what Juniors have done Juniors can do.

The history of their various methods of help would fill a few respectable volumes and you will pardon us if we tell you some of the things accomplished by Juniors in the few short years since their organization.

They have been helpful in financial matters to a surprising extent. In many places they have come to the aid of weak congregations and helped raise funds for the erection or repairing of churches and at other places they have helped with the salary.

In some instances the means of carrying on the Sabbath-school has been largely the work of Juniors. In one society the Juniors subscribed and paid ten dollars per annum to the pastor's salary. Another Junior Society furnished its church with new lamps. A Junior Society at St. Louis gave ten dollars towards lifting the debt on its church.

And so we might go on enumerating instances like these. But I think that it is purely missionary work in which they excel. Their young hearts are easily touched by the needs of others both at home and abroad. One society writes "with each invitation to our entertainment we sent a little silk sack requesting the one invited to put in as many pennies as he is years old." With the proceeds we bought a banner and gave ten dollars to a poor family. Another tells of fifty dollars per year given towards the support of a missionary in China. Another society gave an entertainment, the proceeds of which went to a Korean Mission. Other societies make scrap-books, dolls, quilts, and comforts for hospitals and orphan asylums. Others collect clothing, books, etc., for missionary boxes which are sent to the west and to the freedmen. Our own little society has bought shoes and made over old garments for poor children that they might attend our Junior Society and Sunday-school.

We know that the greater part of the money thus raised by the Juniors for church and missionary purposes has not been the gifts of the wealthy, but largely by the sacrifice of those in moderate circumstances or by the special effort in getting up entertainments. But it is not only in the raising of money for religious purposes that the Juniors have been able to help, but they have done home missionary work by persuading others to

come to their meeting and to be taught about Christ.

Their committees have gone out and brought many into the Sabbath-schools. They have carried flowers and cards to the sick and in their own way have been instrumental in leading others to know and love Jesus. For themselves they have stored up much useful knowledge. The learning of the reference texts weekly is a blessing not to be measured. It is in the Junior Society that we first learn to speak a word for Jesus and to offer, even though it be short and simple, our first public prayer. Many of those who are Juniors learn to do all that their pledge requires from Christian parents, but many are gathered into the Junior Society from homes which read no Bible and have no prayer. Here they first learn to read God's Word and love his holy name and first pray to the Father in heaven. We not only believe that what Juniors have done Juniors can do, but we believe new doors of usefulness and helpfulness are opening for them and that they will go on increasing in their ability to do good for Christ and the church.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL FELLOWSHIP.

(WITH K. C. OF. C. E.)

[Read at Union Meeting, Warsaw, Ind., by Oscar Baker.]

This subject is one worthy of consideration. The plan of Christian Endeavor Fellowship is God's way. The need of this fellowship has long been felt. This fellowship does not prevent the loyalty to one's own church, but creates within the minds of the Christian Endeavors the value of interdenominational fellowship. Every Christian Endeavor Society should make use of these aids in securing the desired result. Every body of believers should be all of this. These organizations are aids to the Christian warfare, and therefore subordinate to the banner that floats over the tens of thousands of endeavors, to the one name that is above all others. The Christian Endeavor movement springs out of present needs. For years this has been the earnest plea of the church. It is just what the Christian civilization of our age demands. Because such association brings our young people into a broader and more intelligent sympathy with all other denominations, and makes them more intense and efficient workers in their own church. It does not detract from their loyalty to their own church, but tends to lift them out of the narrowness of sectarianism into sympathetic denominationalism. This will tend to the broadening of their Christian character by showing them that the church of

Christ reaches beyond denominational lines; and that the Lord's household is larger than any one denomination, and that one is our Master and we are all brethren.

Interdenominational fellowship is beneficial, because it brings the young people into direct personal contact with the highest types of consecration in other denominations. To witness the enthusiasm and zeal with which others do their work is within itself a powerful incentive to the more earnest work. It also brings conviction, that we are not alone in fighting the world and the devil, but a part of a great host. This thought is full of encouragement and strength when the battle in our immediate vicinity may seem for the moment to go against us. It gives the protestant church in America the strongest front, a united front for aggressive work, and they can better project broad plans for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. The society's motto "for Christ and the church" is the only battle cry which can rally to its standard Christians, the world over of whatever name. Well may it be described as interdenominational, strengthening as it does the bond of union between different denominations. The doctrines and modes of worship, may differ, but here is the common meeting ground.

God grant that this principle of fellowship may permeate every body of Christian worshipers and that its underlying power, the love of Christ may be kindled anew in every cold heart, fitting it for the Master's use.

"THE glorious principles of Christ's kingdom are destined to leaven the human heart with brotherly love, though all the powers of darkness do oppose. There is an irrepressible conflict between right and wrong and there can be no neutral ground. Each and every individual is a living factor upon one side or the other."

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